

MACKEREL FOR BAIT.

Sch. Cavalier Secures Big Bacalieu Halibut Trip.

SAW BUT VERY LITTLE ICE.

Succession of Terrible Night Squalls Marked Passage Home.

With what the crew call 75,000 pounds of halibut, sch. Cavalier, Capt. Robert B. Porper, arrived here from Bacalieu bank yesterday.

The vessel has been gone only four weeks, which is quick time for that distant ground. Of this time nine days were taken up on the passage home.

The vessel fished in latitude 51.25 north, and saw no icebergs and only one pan of drift or field ice, an unusual occurrence, as bergs and floe are always plentiful in this locality at this time of the year. The tide, too, was not near as strong as during the past few seasons up there, making the fishing comparatively easy.

The whole big fare of sch. Cavalier was taken in three whole and one double bank sets. The fish are in prime condition, as the schooner made her first set two weeks ago today on the day sch. Mooween started for home.

The Cavalier went into a little place in Guysboro Bay, N. S., for her bait on the way down and struck there at the time mackerel were so plentiful. Mackerel are known to be the finest kind of bait, and as there was a shortage of salt among the boat fishermen there, he was able to get all he wanted, fresh, at two cents apiece. These fish he iced carefully and drove the vessel to Bacalieu. The size of the trip tell show well the mackerel bait worked.

The passage home was a hard one and for five nights squalls followed each other in quick succession. With the big fare, the craft had to get here as soon as possible, and sail had to be crowded on in the most approved style for which the quiet Capt. Porper is noted. The dories were turned over, winter style and the gripes put on and for five nights, captain and crew, all oiled up, "stood by" at halyards and sheets, while the craft was driven through squall after squall, which were sudden and fierce.

The fare of sch. Lena and Maud sold to Davis Bros. at \$10 per barrel.

A Boston paper in commenting on the scenes at T wharf Monday, said:

"Yesterday was a day that will long be remembered and talked of at T wharf. Everybody there seemed mackerel mad, and from the first sale, all day long mackerel were being hauled from the vessels and recounted, and passed across the floors of the stores to the teams. No one there recalls such a day for mackerel before."

On July 30, 1906, there were 19 seining arrivals at T wharf, with a total of 283,000 fresh mackerel, one more arrival than on Monday and fully as many, if not more, fresh mackerel.

Schs. Diana, Constellation and Helen G. Wells of the Rips mackerel seining fleet are home to repair their seines, which were torn from setting in this shallow and wreck strewn locality. Sch. Constellation had 3000 fresh mackerel, the Diana, 114 barrels of salt mackerel, and sch. Helen G. Wells, 7 barrels of salt mackerel.

Most of the accidents to seiners fishing around the Rose and Crown shoal have happened at night, so many of the seiners are now taking small kedge anchors with them for use in this dangerous locality.

Sch. Avalon was reported at Boston yesterday afternoon with 8000 large fresh mackerel.

The news of the arrival of the steamer Elthier at Portland Monday with 3500 fresh mackerel has encouraged the skippers and fishermen in the belief that there will be fish on the Maine coast and in the Bay of Fundy this summer.

Sch. Lena and Maud, Capt. John Grady, stocked \$3100 on her recent fine mackerel trip, the crew sharing \$70.35.

Foreign (Irish) mackerel continues to come in steadily, and supplemented as it is by the domestic arrivals, the market is slightly lower. The 300 to 400 count could be had during the week at \$13.25 per bbl.; and the 400 to 500 at \$12 and up.

A recent report from Valencia Island says that 35 boats, fishing on five nights, brought in 320 boxes of mackerel, while 288,990 fish were cured at Valencia and 779,000 at Portmagee.

Prices ruled about 7s. per 120. Curing is going on vigorously, the barrels of fish being despatched as soon as ready, both by sea and rail. The fish are in good condition and large. Very fine herrings are also being taken in the mackerel nets.

From the crew of one of the fishing boats which arrived at Galveston recently, it was learned that when the vessel was about five miles off the bar they ran into and through a mighty school of Spanish mackerel. There were simply thousands of the fish according to the report of those on board and the water appeared literally alive with their shining bodies. A large number were caught but the use of a hook and line was almost unnecessary for in their leaping they at times jumped clear from the water and onto the deck.

ACTED VERY PROMPTLY.

Capt. McDonald Probably Saved Life of One of Crew.

SEWED UP UGLY CUT ON TEMPLE

Frank Patterson Struck by Jumbo Boom and Unconscious Two Days.

A piece of emergency surgery on the part of Capt. Daniel McDonald of sch. Mooween, which was recently towed home, dismasted, probably saved the life of one of the crew. Frank Patterson, a well known fisherman of this port.

The vessel was fishing far to the northward, on Bacalieu bank, up around latitude 51 degrees north, and the accident happened almost at the start of the trip. Patterson, who was forward at work, being struck an awful clip in the left temple by the jumbo boom, which slat over unexpectedly.

Patterson was knocked unconscious, and with the blood streaming from a gaping wound, was taken to the cabin. He failed to revive, and Capt. McDonald saw that something must be done quickly. They were too far from land to run in for medical assistance, so the captain decided to act in the emergency himself. He knew that the wound should be sewed up, and applied himself to the task with a common sail maker's needle and twine, taking in all six stitches.

On the second day after the accident, Patterson came to and began to improve, although so severe was the injury that it was two weeks before he could be up and about to do any work.

The wound is now well healed and leaving but little mark, showing that Capt. McDonald, as an amateur surgeon, did his work well.

Patterson said the blow was an awful one, and believes that but for the prompt action of Capt. McDonald, he might not be walking Main street today.

Another New Gasoliner.

Tacoma, Wash., has a new auxiliary fishing schooner enrolled in its fleet. The vessel is the property of Captain Harry Hansen. The craft will be used in the service of the Pacific Fisheries Co. The vessel is seventy feet over all.

J. de Stefano of Black Diamond, Cal., recently built for the Sacramento Packers' Association the Celera, 32 feet long 6, feet beam. This boat will be used in the fish business.

Steam Trawler for Nova Scotia.

Arthur N. Whitman, of Halifax, N. S., has returned home from his European trip. While abroad he bought the Grimsby trawler Wren. Mr. Whitman, who came over on the Mauretania, passed a few hours in New York calling on friends, who congratulated him on the success of his mission, and wished the new Nova Scotia fishing enterprise success.

Bait at South Chatham.

There is plenty of porgy bait at South Chatham.

IS LEAKING 2000 STROKES.

Sch. Mary E. Harty Struck Hard on Rose and Crown.

PUMPED ALL THE WAY HOME.

Very Near to Repetition of Terrible Sch. Eliza Disaster.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Reuben Cameron, one of the seining fleet, arrived yesterday afternoon from the Rips, leaking about 2000 strokes an hour and will go on the railways for examination and repairs. She had 4000 fresh mackerel.

Capt. Cameron reports that the craft, during a light wind, went ashore on the Rose and Crown shoal, and that for a while things looked serious. The crew succeeded in getting the vessel off after hard work, but she was leaking so badly that it was necessary to come to port to repair; and the pumps were kept constantly going from the minute she was floated.

Capt. Cameron thinks it fortunate that she went on the shoal head on, and says that had she gone on broadside to, the strong five or six knot tide forcing her up on the sand, would have rolled her over on her beam ends, so that the sails would have covered the seineboats and in this event it is doubtful if any on board would have escaped to tell the tale, and the Rose and Crown would have caused a repetition of the sad sch. Eliza disaster several years ago, when this Rips fishing craft was lost with all hands.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Mooween sold at Boston yesterday to the New England Fish Co. and this morning the trip of sch. Monitor sold to the same concern, both fares at 8 cents per pound for white and 6 cents per pound for gray.

Swordfish Plenty.

Swordfish are more than plenty and the price at Boston went to 6 1-2 cents per pound this morning, there being ten fares there. Sch. Motor, Capt. Herman Remington, was high line with the big fare of 81 fish.

Salt Ship Arrives.

The Italian ship Rosalie D'Alì arrived at this port this morning after a fine passage of 58 days from Trapani, with 2150 tons of salt for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.

Fine Halibut Trip.

Sch. Monitor, Capt. John McKay, arrived this morning from Bacalieu bank with a fine trip, 50,000 pounds of halibut.

New Nova Scotia Fishing Craft.

Sch. Enid Hazel was launched from Joseph McGill's shipyard, Shelburne, N. S., on June 10. She was built for Captain Rowland Forbes, of Forbes Point.

McGill is building a 90-foot fishing schooner for a Digby syndicate. The vessel will be of the knockabout type and ready for launching about August 1.

Sch. Minnie M. Moser was launched from A. O. Zwickler's shipyard, Mahone Bay, N. S., on June 15. She is owned by the Atlantic Fish Company and commanded by Captain Clarence Moser. The Minnie M. Moser is designed after the latest American plans by Obed Hamm, of Mahone Bay. The vessel is 98 feet over all, with a 10-foot 3-inch hold and is registered at 80 tons.

Good Stocks.

Among the crafts at T wharf yesterday was the schooner Mary C. Santos, Capt. Manuel C. Santos, who is known at T wharf as Capt. "Crowley." On his last trip, Capt. Santos stocked \$2350, and his men shared \$63 each. Yesterday he had a larger trip and will stock more money, and the men will have a larger share to put away.